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SIR,

THE little detach'd Pieces which we have of the Antients, under the Name of Fragments, have their Value, though they are imperfect: I don't know to have met any where with any Species of Writing under the Title of the Fragments of the Moderns, though we have had many Posthumous Works, and Miscellanies upon Miscellanies: The Libraries of the Wits, and Chambers of the Gentlemen of the Inns of Court, could, no doubt, furnish such a Collection, as they very often begin Performances and never finish them. I don't know if I can properly call it a *Fragment*; but Part of a poetical Epistle, to Mr. *Garrick*, has been handed about, in Manuscript, on a Subject which the Publick pays much Attention to, *The Art of Acting*. You will at first View see it is an Imitation of *Horace's Art of Poetry*; and the Rules for Writing are adapted to the Stage. As such a Criticism on Theatrical Science should be address'd to some excellent Judge, I believe, you will allow, none could have been more proper than Mr. *Garrick*. I have sent you the Copy just as I receiv'd it, and if you think it proper for a *Spectator*, that, and your own Remarks, might oblige the greatest Part of your Readers, particularly

Your constant one,

HISTRIONICUS.

I have comply'd with my Correspondent's Request, and wish that he would occasionally transmit as much of the *Original* as he can procure: I shall only take this Liberty, of leaving out Names wherever they are *satirically* made Use of.

The ART *of* ACTING.

An EPISTLE *to Mr.* DAVID GARRICK.

SHou'd hum'rous *Hogarth*, with burlesque Design,
A Group of Oddities in Contrast join
Beneath a Plume, which waves with Tragic Grace,
Limn the quaint Drollery of * * * * * Face;
Draw to that Face *Belinda*'s Neck and Breast,
Lovely as *Kneller*'s Pencil e'er express'd;
Then add the Properties of motley Scenes,
Of Gods, of Kings, of Devils, and of Queens;
Strike out a Form that Nature cannot brag on,
With Crest of *Cæsar*, and with Tail of Dragon;
Half Male, half Female, Devil half, half God;
Who could refrain a Smile at Sight so odd?
O, GARRICK! odd as such a Sight may be,
Not less absurd upon the Stage we see:
For such the Actor is in whom we find
A wild Extravgance of Form and Mind;
Who will in Dress depart from Judgment's Rule,
And rather lure the Eye, than touch the Soul;
Whose Starts and incoherent Actions seem
Like the mad Ravings of a sick Man's Dream;
Which, as his Faculties of Reason fail,
Flow unconnected, without Head or Tail.
Actors, with *Poets*, have an equal Right
To dare at bold Attempts to give Delight;
New Talents still, in pointing Wit to show,
And make the Stream of Humour stronger flow;
Or in the Tender or Magistic Scene,
Form a new Harmony of Words and Mein;
To leave, like Thee, dull Precedents of Art,
And with peculiar Judgment catch the Heart.
But this just Liberty gives no Pretence
To dare beyond the Rules of Common Sense.
Who, with strain'd Voice, wou'd frantic Airs reveal,
When to the Gods he makes his last Appeal?
Or who, all-calm, a soft, slow Tone assume,
Tho' Peals of Thunder shake the conscious Room?
When solemn Scenes should rise, with awful State,
And all the Heroe be divinely Great;
Some have I seen exert an idle Care,
To please the Eye, or captivate the Ear.
In Senate or in Camp, in Joy or Woe,
The Plume must wave, and sweet the Voice must flow;
Majestic Grace, by Length of Train be shown,
And Dignity, by drawling out the Tone.
Justly the Plume may grace the Actor's Mein,
And the Imperial Robe adorn the Scene;
Justly, the Numbers flowing o'er the Tongue,
May warble Sweet as *Philomela*'s Song,
If Vales, and Dales, and murm'ring Streams which rove,
Gently meandring through the flow'ry Grove,
The Subjects are: But if ill-judg'd the Choice,
Of pompous Dress, and modulated Voice,
The Robe, tho' rich, the Voice, tho' soft and clear,
Will all a dull Extravagance appear:
Both often please, but then consult the Place,
It is Propriety alone gives Grace.
H—m—n by Scenes our Passions can controul,
And with creative Power charm the Soul;
His easy Pincil flows with just Command,
And Nature starts obedient to his Hand!
We hear the tinkling Rill, we view the Trees
Cast various Shades, and wave the gentle Breeze;
Here shoots through Leafy Bow'rs a Sunny Ray,
That gilds the Grove, and emulates the Day:
There Mountain-Tops look glad, there Vallies sing,
And through the Landskip blooms eternal Spring.
But what's this Art, should he this Art perform,
And shew it with the Prospect of a Storm,
Make Nature through one half the Stage look gay,
While th' other shocks with Horror and Dismay;
Where Light'nings gleam, and foaming Billows roar,
And Desolation spreads the dreary Shore?
In Storm and Landskip we might Beauties find,
But wonder how they came together join'd!
Like *H—m—n*'s Scenes, be just throughout the Whole,
And Rules of Art by Nature's Law controul.
Deceiv'd by specious Right some Actors run
Into as equal Errors as they shun.
* * * * wou'd be brisk; but Briskness when he shows,
Of quick, lisp'd, half-form'd Words a Torrent flows,
Swift Rolls of Jargon-Sound a rapid Flood,
With scarce one Word distinctly understood.
* * * * to seem articulate and clear,
With grave, loud, plain Sound fatigues the Ear;
All Words, all Lines the same dull Cadence keep,
And drowz'ly lull insensibly to sleep.
Others, to prove that they no Spirits want,
Out-bawl *Drawcansir* in the Tragic Rant.
Some few, who fear what Criticks may explode,
With plodding Pace jog on the beaten Road;
Content in acting just with Common Sense,
Never dare deviate into Excellence;
Who never charm, yet never much offend,
With the same Merit they began they end.
But then some daring Genius of the Stage
Will try all Arts and Methods to engage;
Buffoonly dress, affect a monstrous Tone,
Strike out the Poet's Wit, insert his own;
As Sailor, or as Clown, as Beau, or Play'r,
No matter what, or how, or when, or where,
Will Scenes, will Times, will Characters confound,
To hear of false Applause the Vulgar Sound.
Thus more they err, who would their Errors hide,
If they want solid Judgment for their Guide.
O! all ye Sons and Daughters of the Scenes,
Ye buskin'd Heroes, and ye tinsell'd Queens,
All who in Comics sport, or Tragics spout,
Attend! O all ye Tragi-Comic Rout!
From the first Moment you're commencing Play'rs,
And strut at *Smithfield* or at *Southwark* Fairs,
Long as ye shall a better Fortune wait,
And strolling know Variety of Fate,
Just as the Gods direct the Chance of Things,
Are this Day Coblers, and To-morrow Kings,
On Parts adapted to your Genius dwell,
And be your only Study to excel:
For they who Judgment to their Choice admit,
When cast to Parts which will their Talents hit,
Such an expressive Force, with Ease, is shown,
They make the Poet's Sentiment their own,
Into the Character so strongly fall,
It is no longer Art, but Nature all.
To judge what Parts may now, what then be play'd,
What for this Season, to the next delay'd;
Whose Manner or whose Action they should like,
How far at Imitation they may strike;
What to improve, what shun, should well be known,
To rise a Fav'rite Actor of the Town.
Though long by Players it has practis'd been,
To add their own Wit to the Poet's Scene;
Be cautious, witty Sirs, what now ye do,
Each Speech must have a Licence that is new.
Yet if you could, by accidental Art,
Let slip a Sentence new, and timely smart,
The Audience, by Applause would Pleasure show,
And Licencers will slips o'th' Tongue allow.

The DOMESTICK INTELLIGENCER.

MONDAY, *September 6. Kensington.*

There is great Reason to believe from the L—d *C—r—t*'s going abroad with His * * * *, that some vigorous Resolutions have been *taken*, and will be *kept*. The Earl of *Stair*'s *last Memorial* is thought will not be follow'd by any Answer to *either* of the *Marquis*'s at the *Hague*; but that the *English* Forces, in Conjunction with the Allies, will take the Field immediately.——*It is firmly believ'd the* Dutch *are in the Alliance.*

TUESDAY. *Wills, over against the Admiralty.*

Admiral *Mathews* shews what Admiral *H——*, with proper Orders, might have done: Wherever the *British* Ships appear, there is a Universal Pannic. *Naples* has, with five Men of War, been forc'd into a Neutrality; and the King of *S—c—lies* has deserted his *Mamma*——for fear he should be carry'd back to pay her a Visit.

WEDNESDAY. *Cockpit, Whitehall.*

Though it is reported in the City, that the Earl of *Stair* came over on a *Commercial Negotiation*, the *Operations* of a *Campaign* were the immediate Purport: The fine-spun Policy of the Court of *Versailles* to put *Dunkirk* into the Garrison of their H—h M--gh--n—s has no Effect.——*It is hop'd the* British Troops *will meet Marshal* Noailles *at his* re-intrench'd Camp *a League off* Dunkirk.

THURSDAY. *Kensington.*

We hear ten Yeomen of the Guard, and six Warders of the Tower, are to attend his Majesty to Flanders; being the same Number that attended King Henry VIII. at the Siege of Bou ogne.——*A Service none of that Corps ever thought of being employ'd in.*

A great many young Noblemen and Gentlemen are preparing to accompany his Majesty as *Volunteers* to Flanders.

It is said M. *Busfy* has demanded a *Categorical* Answer, *Where another English Fleet, with a great Number of Marines on Board, was* destin'd? but had no other Satisfaction than to hear,——— *It was destin'd against the* Enemies of Great Britain.

FRIDAY Evening.

There has a Report prevail'd that the City of *Prague* was taken by Storm, and great Numbers of the *French* put to the Sword.———*This, in all Probability, will be their Fate; but there is no authentic Account arriv'd as yet.*

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Constantinople, July 20. The Porte has receiv'd an Express, with Advice that the War between Thamas Kouli Kan and the Lesghis is terminated by a Treaty of Peace, in which the latter engage to furnish the Sophi with 12,000 Men in all the Wars he may hereafter undertake, except against the Porte. It is given out here, that one of Kouli Kan's Generals has pass'd the River Caers with an Army of 60,000 Men, and that he is marching towards Derbent.

A Grand Divan was held a few Days ago, wherein Bashaw Bonneval presented two Memorials: The first in order to prove that it is necessary to assist Sweden; and the second shews the Expediency of sending an Army towards the Bannat of Temeswar. The Grand Vizir back'd these two Memorials, and, in Consequence of the first, a Reso'ution was taken to grant five hundred Purses to Sweden. As to the second, it was only agreed to put Belgrade in the best Posture of Defence possible, without breaking the Treaty concluded with the late Emperor of the Romans.

Bologna, Aug. 22. General Count Traun is at present at Cezena, where he is to be reinforced with several thousand Men from Trieste, 600 of whom are already landed. The King of Sardinia is to leave 5000 of his Troops with the Count, that he may be in a Condition to act against the Spaniards, in concert with the English Fleet, as Occasion may require: His Sardinian Majesty returns home with the rest of his Army, certain Designs of France, which have not been kept secret enough, requiring his Presence on that Side.

Chamberry, Sept. 2. The Intendant General of Savoy set out from hence very early this Morning. All those on the other Side of the Mountains, that have Employments in this Dutchy, are sending their best Effects into Piedmont.

Chamberry, Sept. 3. The Consternation encreases by the Advices we receive, confirming the Approach of the Spaniards. Their Cavalry is filing off towards this Neighbourhood, and their Infantry through the Valley of Morienne, in order to pass Mount-Cenis: But as the King's Army is coming back to Piedmont, and as the Militia and regular Troops, that advanced towards Provence, are order'd to march into Savoy, we hope our Fears will soon be dissipated.

Geneva, Sept. 6. We have just receiv'd Advice that the Spanish Troops, headed by the Infant Don Philip, enter'd Savoy the 29th of last Month by the Territory of Briancon and the Valley of Morienne, and take their Route towards Mount Cenis, in order to pass the Gorge of Taret.

Cadiz, Aug. 9. Two Corsairs from Tangier have carried off, in Sight of this Port, a Dutch Vessel commanded by Capt. Cornelius Swart. A Dutch Man of War called the Spye, which had this Ship under Convoy, did all that was possible to save her, but to no manner of Purpose; for it being a stark Calm, and the Pirate having 60 Oars, left the Dutch Man of War at Will; however, a French Ship, by crowding under his Cannon, sav'd herself. This Prize is said to be worth 100,000 Crowns, and belong'd to some Traders of Amsterdam.

Vienna, Sept. 1. The Queen has sent a Rescript to all her Ministers abroad, on Occasion of the Imperial Decree of Commission address'd to the Dyet of the Empire at Francfort the 11th of last Month, concerning the March of the Elector of Bavaria's Auxiliaries commanded by Marshal Maillebois. In that Rescript Notice is taken of the Propofals made from time to time by the Courts of France and Bavaria, and the Queen's Answer thereto: In the Conclusion of that Piece her Majesty declares, 'That she persists in the 'same Sentiments she had when it was given out that 'the Army commanded by Marshal Maillebois was 'to return to Giver, being still dispos'd to lend a 'helping Hand towards an Accommodation under 'the Mediation of the King of Great Britain, as soon 'as the Elector of Bavaria is pleas'd to prefer the Repose, the Safety and Preservation of his Country to 'his Alliance with the French Court.

The Queen's Ministers have return'd Thanks in her Majesty's Name to Baron Burmania, the Dutch Envoy Extraordinary, for the 1,600,000 Florins granted her by their High Mightinesses.

Dresden, Aug. 31. Yesterday the British Envoy had a long Conference with the King, and we are assur'd that 12,000 of our Troops are to be taken into the King of Great Britain's Pay, who is to employ them for the Queen of Hungary's Service wherever they may be wanted. We hear from Berlin, that twelve Prussian Regiments are actually in readiness to march, pursuant to Orders from that Court; but their Destination is, as yet, a Secret to us.

Ratisbon, Sept. 6. All the Austrians that came a few Days ago into the Neighbourhood of Nuremberg, have suddenly disappear'd at the Approach of the Marshal de Maillebois, and are marching back to Bohemia. By the Marshal's Letters to the French Minister here, the first Column of his Army will arrive at Furth To-morrow.

Brussels, Sept. 10. Our Advices from the Frontiers say, that the two Troops of Mousquetaires are arriv'd at Valenciennes; that the Garrison of Lisle has been considerably reinforced; that some Troops have been canton'd along the Coast to observe the Motions of the English; and that the Troops at St. Omer, Gravelines, Bergue St. Vinox and Calais have receiv'd Orders to hold themselves in readiness to march to the intended Camp.

Paris, Sept. 7. The Marshal de Noailles set out last Tuesday for Flanders, where he is to begin with reviewing the Troops and visiting the Fortresses, after which his Excellency will regulate the Operations of the Campaign, according to the Motions of the English.

They write from Donai, that the King's Houshold Troops wait for the Marshal de Noailles, who has Orders from Court to encamp close by Dunkirk, where there are fine Intrenchments for an Army, planted with 200 Pieces of Cannon.

Hague, Sept. 12. We are assur'd that some new Regulations are to be made with respect to the Trade between Great Britain and the United Provinces, and that a Plan is already drawn up for that Purpose.

We have receiv'd Advice that the King of Prussia left Aix la Chapelle the 7th Instant, and took the Route to Berlin through the Electorate of Hanover.

Hague, Sept. 14. An Austrian Courier who arriv'd here to Day, reports, That as he pass'd by the Army before Prague on the 9th Instant, the Siege was carrying on with Vigour, and every thing preparing for a general Attack within a Day or two: He adds, that a Bomb of the Enemy's, which had fallen into the Camp without taking Fire, had been found charg'd with fine Hunting Powder, which made it conjectur'd the Garrison began to be streightned for Ammunition.

Utrecht, Sept. 13. The 11th Instant two Couriers from Prague pass'd through this City, and reported that the French were drove out of their Post on St. Laurence's Mount last Thursday,—that is, the 26th of last Month, O. S.

Stockholm, Aug. 20. This Day at Noon the Opening of the Dyet was proclaim'd by Sound of Trumpet, and with other usual Formalities. Letters from Abo of the 14th Instant bring an Account, that M. Wollen Pierna was arriv'd there from on board the Fleet, who reports, that in his Passage thro' Tenila Dosiu, seven Leagues from Helsingfors, he had met with several Run-aways from the Swedish Army, who told him that the 7th the General, as he was at Dinner, was inform'd that the Enemy was approaching; whereupon he got on Horseback to encourage the Regiments, but above all the Finlanders, to be faithful to their King and Country; that thereupon our Army had been attack'd by that of Russia, suppos'd to consist of 12,000 Men; that the Swedish Army had been defeated; and that Part of it had got into Helsingfors, to endeavour to reach the Gallies. Four different Letters from Abo contain much the same Account; but there are no Letters from Helsingfors. M. Wollen Pierna is expected every Moment, when all the Particulars will be better known. What is singular is, that none of the Letters mention the Day of the Battle.

Stockholm, Aug. 24. The News from Finland is in Part confirm'd, but the Particulars are kept private, however there is certain Advice that there has been an Action between the Swedes and the Muscovites near Helsingfors, in which three Regiments of Dragoons and one of Foot have suffer'd very much, especially the Dragoons, one of the Regiments not having eight Men left. They say the Remainder of the Swedish Army is retreated into the Town of Helsingfors; and there are Rumours as if the Swedish Gallies had likewise met with some Accident.

PLANTATION NEWS.

Charles-Town, South Carolina, June 21. On Friday last arriv'd here his Majesty's Ship the Rose, Capt. Thomas Frankland, Commander, with four Prizes. The Rose is one of the new 20 Gun Ships, and is station'd at Providence. The Prizes are, the famous Spanish Privateer of 20 Guns, Don Juan de Laon Handinio Coman; with two Ships and a Schooner, bound from Maryland, to London, Whitehaven and Boston, which she had lately taken off the Capes of Virginia. The Rose met them in the old Station, and keeping her Guns in and Ports shut, the Spanish Privateer came up under English Colours and hail'd her; but presently struck her English and put up Spanish Colours, and fir'd a Broadside into the Rose, which was immediately return'd; and after a Dispute of two Hours the Privateer, tho' assisted by one of her Prizes of 15 Guns, was boarded and taken. The Spaniards all ran down except the Captain, who fought resolutely alone 'till the English struck his Colours. The two Prize Ships were soon after taken; while the Schooner, having five Spaniards and two English Prisoners on board, made directly for the Shore; but the two Prisoners, one of whom is a Yorkshire Man, exasperated to find their Captivity like to continue, when their Comrades were set at Liberty before their Eyes, rose upon the Spaniards, kill'd three, bound the other two, and, tacking about, join'd the Man of War and other Prizes with great Joy. These make nine Prizes Capt. Frankland has already taken from the Enemy.

IRELAND.

Dublin, Aug. 28. On Wednesday last one Valentine Byrne, a young Lad, who was bred a Locksmith, was executed at Stephen's Green, for robbing Mr. Allam, a Butcher in Patrick's-street, of 20 l. and his Watch. He was very penitent, and own'd he died justly for the Fact; and, as we are inform'd, he said it was by the Advice, Persuasions, and Encouragement of his Master, to whom he was put Apprentice, that he was drawn in to pick Locks, and requested his Friends present at the Gallows, to carry him in his Coffin, after the Execution to his Master's Door, and let him see what End his Counsel and Advice had brought him to, that it might deter him for the future from drawing other young Lads into the same; which was accordingly done, and, it is said, the Mob were with great Difficulty, restrain'd from pulling down his House over his Head, and burying him in the Ruins of it, for being such a Villain.

Dublin, Aug. 31. By Letters from Wexford we hear, that a Coasting Vessel, between Arklow and that Port, had met a pretended Fishing Boat with eight Men, who boarded them with half their Crew, Sword in Hand; but the Captain with an Oar knock'd down the Commander of the Boat, and the rest laid about them so well, with Handspikes, &c. that they were secur'd, whereupon the Men in the Boat cry'd out for Quarter and were taken into the Coaster, who carry'd them and their Boat into Wexford. The Men are committed Prisoners to Wexford Gaol.

Last Sunday died, at his House in Marlborough-Street, Col. George Robinson, a brave and experienced Officer, who in many Campaigns serv'd her Majesty Queen Anne against the French in Flanders.

LONDON.

On Tuesday was held a Board of Admiralty, when their Lordships were pleas'd to appoint Capt. Windham, late of the Woolwich, to be Captain of the

Monmouth, a new 70 Gun-ſhip, launch'd on Monday laſt at Deptford.

His Majeſty has appointed Capt. Rambovillet, Captain-Lieutenant of the Firſt Regiment of Foot-Guards.

And we hear that Col. Rambovillet, one of the Pages to her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Orange, is appointed Privy Purſe to her Royal Highneſs.

Richard Hall, Eſq; lately made a Commiſſioner of Victualling, is appointed Intendant of the Cooperage belonging to that Office.

John Boutman, Eſq; late one of the Commiſſioners of the Lottery, is appointed by Nicholas Harding, Eſq; to ſucceed Edward Joddrell, Eſq; as one of the Clerks of the Hon. Houſe of Commons.

Martin Folkes, Eſq; Preſident of the Royal Society, is lately choſen a Member of the Academy of Sciences at Paris, in the room of Dr. Halley, deceas'd.

On Sunday Night the Hon. Gilbert Fleming, Eſq; Lieutenant General of the Leeward Iſlands, arriv'd in Town from St. Kitt's.

Wedneſday a Court of Huſtings was held at Guild-hall for the Election of a Sheriff for the Year enſuing, in the room of Henry Neale, Eſq; who lately paid his Fine; when Alexander Maſter, Eſq; Citizen and Draper, was choſen by the Liverymen to ſerve the ſaid Office.

A few Days ſince Mr. John Cotman was elected Mayor of Yarmouth for the Year enſuing. The Conteſt was betwixt him and Mr. Brown the Corn-Merchant; and after three Nights being in the Hall, one of Mr. Brown's Friends was taken ill, and the reſt immediately gave it up. Their Charters runs, that twelve of the Common-Council are to be lock'd up in a Room, and to have no Proviſion, Fire or Candle, nor let out, till nine out of the twelve are agreed for one of the Candidates.

Francis Elde, Eſq; one of the Maſters in Chancery, was lately married to Miſs Arblaſter, a very agreeable Staffordſhire Lady, with 15,000 l. Fortune.

The Beginning of laſt Week Paul Vere, Eſq; of Bond ſtreet, a Gentleman of a plentiful Eſtate, was married to Miſs Slaughter of Bloomſbury, an agreeable Lady with a Fortune of 7000 l.

A few Days ſince Mr. Juſtinian Williams, an eminent Attorney at Yeovill in the County of Somerſet, was married to Miſs Cleaves, at Preſton, near the ſaid Town, a beautiful Lady with a Fortune of 4000 l.

On Saturday laſt Edmund Bacon, Eſq; Member of Parliament for Lynn, was married at Woodford in Eſſex to Miſs Knight, of Southampton, Siſter to the Lady Lequeſne.

Wedneſday William Riggles, Eſq; lately arriv'd from America, was married at St. Paul's to Miſs Warren, of Mile-End, an agreeable young Lady, with a Fortune of 10,000 l. which was a few Days ſince left her by a near Relation.

Laſt Week died the Rev. Mr. Bateman, of Raventhorpe, near Daventry in Northamptonſhire; from whence he came up to Town to be cut for the Stone, but ſurviv'd the Operation only two Days. Beſides his Eccleſiaſtical Benefice, he enjoy'd a Temporal Eſtate of about 300 l. per Annum; and dying a Batchelor has made a handſome Proviſion for a Man and Maid Servant, who had liv'd with him many Years. His Corpſe was carried out of Town in a genteel manner, to be intern'd at his Pariſh Church.

On Monday died in Spital-fields, Mr. Ralph Fitz-James, one of the moſt conſiderable Mohair and Tabby-Weavers in the Kingdom. He has left behind him, 'tis ſaid, upwards of 40,000 l.

Tueſday Morning died at his Houſe on St. Lawrence Pountney-Hill, Mr. Harris Neale, an eminent Weſt-India Merchant, Partner with Julian Beckford, Eſq; now at Jamaica.

Thurſday Morning died John Howard, Eſq; at his Houſe in Long-Lane, Weſt-Smithfield, formerly an eminent wholeſale Upholſterer of this City, and about three Years ſince paid the Fine into the Chamber of London, to be excus'd ſerving the Office of Sheriff of this City.

The Rev. Mr. Layng, Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, is preſented, by the Provoſt and Fellows of the ſaid College, to the Rectory of Everdon in Northamptonſhire, vacant by the Death of Mr. William Antrobus.

The Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of London hath preſented the Rev. Dr. Roper, to the Living of Hanwell, in Middleſex, worth near 200 l. per Annum, vacant by the Death of the Rev. Mr. Vincent.

Tueſday ſe'nnight a Preſentation paſs'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. Mr. Benjamin Newcome, to hold the Rectory of Tollifhunt Knights in the County of Eſſex and Dioceſe of London.

They write from Bruges, that a few Days ſince a Rencounter happen'd in the Street, between Brigadier General Ponſonby, and Major Baſſnet his Major, in ſight of the Officers who haſten'd to part them; but could not till Major Baſſnet had receiv'd three or four Wounds, but not mortal; they were both on the Ground, and Brigadier Ponſonby broke his Shoulder-Bone by the Fall.

From Rochford in Eſſex we hear, that in a Skirmiſh between Mr. Surrah, a Tallow-Chandler, and Mr. Clark, an Officer belonging to the Exciſe in that Town, the former receiv'd an unlucky Blow, and was unfortunately kill'd on the Spot. The Quarrel, 'tis ſaid, begun about ſome harſh Speeches the Deceas'd had been too free with, which ſtruck at the Exciſeman's Livelihood, who thereupon inſiſted on the Proof thereof before his Supervifor; but inſtead of making out his Aſſertions, he fell into a violent Paſſion, and challeng'd to box him, which Mr. Clark, being a Man of Spirit, accepted of. The Coroner's Jury have brought in their Verdict Manſlaughter.

Several Shillings gilt, with Scepters rais'd, have lately been paid to the poor unſkilful Countrymen that bring Hay to the Markets of this City: If Perſons would take Notice that there is no Drapery about the Neck of the Guineas, as on the Shillings, they would not be ſo eaſily impos'd upon.

Laſt Week one John Toe, a Boy about 15 Years old, was committed to Tothil-fields Bridewell by Juſtice Trent, for ſtealing a Silver Spoon and other Things out of the Dwelling-houſe of Mr. Clark, a Diſtiller, in Peter-ſtreet, Soho, which he confeſs'd before the Juſtice, and further, that the ſame Night he was apprehended he had agreed with ſome of his Accomplices to have hid himſelf in the ſaid Dwelling-houſe, and in the Dead of the Night to have let them in, when they were to have rifled the Houſe, murder'd the ſaid Mr. Clark, and aftewards to have ſet the Houſe on Fire to prevent their being diſcover'd.

Wedneſday Thomas Torber, and Margaret Peirce, were committed to the Gatehouſe by Col. De Viel, for further Examination, for the Murder committed on Mr. Patrick Smith in Chelſea-fields, on the Information of Anne Quail, who was an Eye-witneſs of that tragical Scene. One Perſon ſtill remains untaken, who is an Accomplice in that barbarous Murder, and after whom great Search is making.

We hear that one of the Mates belonging to the Bedford Indiaman, having a Diſpute with his ſuperior Officer, during the Time of their lying in the Bay of Bulls, at Newfoundland, in his Paſſion jump'd overboard, and was drown'd.

Laſt Week John Howſe and Elizabeth Reynolds were committed to Bridewell by Juſtice Frazier, as was Mary Davenport by Col. De Veil; all for hawking unſtamp'd News Papers.

They write from Oporto, of the 22d of Auguſt, N. S. that the Pulteney Galley, Capt. Purcell, fitted out at Dublin, and the Triumph Snow, Capt. Farrel, late Capt. Gideon Ball, fitted out in the River of Thames, both Engliſh Privateers, lately viſited Vigo, and other Places adjacent, raiſed Contributions, burnt ſome Houſes, together with two Veſſels in the River, and took two Prizes, and brought them ſafe to Oporto.

By Letters from Gibraltar, dated Auguſt 20, we have an Account that the Day before Lord Forreſter, in the Leopard Man of War, carry'd into that Port a Prize, bound from the Canaries to Cadiz, laden with Cocoa, Logwood, Cochineal and ſome Money: She was under French Colours when taken.

And alſo that an Algerine has taken and brought in there a Spaniſh Ship, of 12 Guns and 140 Men, bound for Oran, with 80 Soldiers on board.

We have certain Advice in Town, that the Wager, one of the Ships in Commodore Anſon's Squadron was loſt on the Coaſt of Chili, where the Purſer and a Midſhipman quarrel'd and fought a Duel, wherein the former was ſhot dead, and that the Captain coming in at the Inſtant that the Purſer fell, pull'd out a Piſtol and ſhot the Midſhipman dead alſo; which affected him ſo ſorely, that he reſolv'd to ſpend the Remainder of his Days there. 'Tis added, that the Crew made a Schooner of the Long Boat, put to Sea therein, with much Difficulty paſs'd the Streights of Magellan, and got ſafe to Rio de Janeiro.

By Letters from Rio de Janeiro 'tis confirm'd that Commodore Anſon had got immenſe Riches, but had loſt moſt of his Men, and that Mr. Anſon and Capt. Mitchell were in good Health.

By a Veſſel arriv'd at Topſham from Port Lewis in Lower Britany, we are credibly inform'd, that a Privateer of 44 Guns and 400 Men is actually fitting out there to cruize in the Channel upon our Trade under a Spaniſh Commiſſion; and the Captain of her has the Impudence to ſay, that he ardently wiſhes to meet with one of our 50 Gun Ships to try their Courage.

Letter from Southampton, dated Sept. 1.

'Yeſterday arriv'd here the Re-union, of and from 'Cherbourg, Peter Fowdey, Commander, who brings 'Advice, that the Wilmington, Fry, and the Two 'Marys, Gordon, both belonging to this Port, to-'gether with the Jane of Guernzey, Pitton, were all 'taken by a Spaniſh Privateer on the 28th of laſt 'Month, between Alderney and Guernzey, from 'which laſt they were all bound to this Port. There 'were ſeveral Paſſengers on board each of the Veſſels, 'among them Mr. La Merchant of Guernzey, who, 'with the Veſſels, were all ſent into Cherbourg, 'where the Privateer alſo was on Monday laſt.—— 'The Privateer mounts four Carriage and eight Swi-'vel Guns, rows with 32 Oars, and is man'd with 'about 70 Hands: She is a long, low, ſnug Veſſel, 'of about 45 Tons; ſometimes appears a Snow, at 'other times a Brig, a Schooner, and with Lug-'Sails.'—*Certainly French, by ſuch Harlequin Tricks.*

From what has been publiſh'd from the Paris A-la-main, and elſewhere, it looks as if the Engliſh had been guilty of ſome horrid Outrage on the Iſland of Elba; it is proper therefore to obſerve, that by Letters from Leghorn we are inform'd, that the Commandant of the Tower of Marciana having abſolutely refus'd the Engliſh Leave to land, they made a Deſcent, took the Place, and, in the Heat of their Reſentment, fir'd the Village; but then it muſt be obſerv'd, that this belong'd to the Princeſs of Piombino, and is a Fief of the Crown of Spain.

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, Sept. 4. By a Letter of the 10th of Auguſt, receiv'd the 2d Inſtant from Edward Allen, Eſq; his Majeſty's Conſul at Naples, to his Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle, there is Advice, that on Sunday Morning, the 19th of Auguſt, a Squadron of his Majeſty's Ships, conſiſting of the Ipſwich, Capt. William Martin, Commodore; the Panther, Capt. Gideon; the Oxford, Capt. Pawlett; the Feverſham, Capt. Hughs; and the Durſley Galley, Capt. De l'Angle, four Bomb Veſſels and four Tenders, appear'd in the Bay of Naples; and ſome Hours before they came to an Anchor before the Town (which was about Four o'Clock in the Afternoon) the Duke of Monteallegre ſent to his Majeſty's Conſul, to deſire him to go aboard the Commodore, to know whether they came as Friends or Enemies, the Appearance ſeeming, as he ſaid, hoſtile, but that his Sicilian Majeſty would be glad to receive them as Friends, deſiring nothing more than the Amity of his Britannick Majeſty. The Conſul, upon that, went on board the Commodore, who communicated to him the Purport of the Order he had receiv'd from Vice-Admiral Mathews, and a Meſſage to be deliver'd in the King's Name to his Sicilian Majeſty, which was, That his Britannick Majeſty being in Alliance with the Queen of Hungary and the King of Sardinia, and the King of the Two Scilies having join'd his Forces with thoſe of Spain, in declar'd War with England, to invade the Queen of Hungary's Dominions, contrary to all Treaties, he, the Commodore, was ſent to demand, that the King of the Two Sicilies ſhould not only forthwith withdraw his Troops from acting in Conjunction with thoſe of Spain, but that his Sicilian Majeſty ſhou'd promiſe not to give them any further Aſſiſtance of any Kind whatever. Capt. De l'Angle, of the Durſley Galley, was charg'd with this Meſſage, and the Commodore deſir'd the Conſul to accompany the Captain to be his Interpreter. They went to the Secretary's Office at Five o'Clock. The King was then at Church, and was not to return 'till Six. But the Duke of Monteallegre receiv'd the Meſſage, and told them that when the King return'd he would give the Anſwer. Accordingly at Eight, the Duke of Monteallegre came

down from the King in Council, and told them the Demand would be comply'd with, and in Writing, as requir'd; but desir'd to have some Answer also in Writing, importing, that upon the said Compliance no Hostilities should be committed on their Side. They then return'd on board with General Bourke, who was sent from his Sicilian Majesty to desire this of the Commodore; but he said his Orders were absolute, and did not authorize him to give any Answer, but that he expected a Compliance in half an Hour's Time, or at farthest, an Hour, after the Consul and Captain's being on Shore. The Duke of Monteallegre then desir'd that he might insert in his Letter, That upon the Consul and Captain's Assurances by Word of Mouth, that no Hostilities should be committed, his Sicilian Majesty did promise, &c. Capt. De l'Angle desir'd the Consul to tell the Duke, that he apprehended the Commodore would not be satisfy'd with that Condition; upon which the Duke desir'd the Consul to assure the Commodore, that if he objected to it, it should be left out, and that the Substance of the Letter being fully what was requir'd, he hoped it would be sufficient for that Night. It was two Hours past Midnight when the Consul return'd on board, and the Commodore was so far satisfy'd, as to promise he would not commence any Hostilities, upon the Assurances given him by the Consul, that any thing he objected to in the Form would be alter'd; and accordingly in the Morning another Letter was wrote in the exact Words requir'd, and upon the Receipt of it, the Commodore order'd all the Ships to prepare for sailing, and they were under Sail before Night, and out of Sight the next Morning, the 21st N. S. having been only 24 Hours at an Anchor in the Bay. The whole City was in the greatest Alarm and Consternation imaginable during the said Negotiation.

The following is a Translation of the Letter above-mention'd, written by the Duke of Monteallegre to Commodore Martin.

SIR, *Naples, Aug.* 20, *N. S.*

THE King had already resolv'd, and given Orders, that his Troops, which are join'd with those of Spain, should withdraw, in order to the Defence of his own Dominions, His Majesty commands me to promise you, in his Name, that he will forthwith repeat his Orders, that his Troops, withdrawing from the Romagna, where they are at present, shall immediately return into this Kingdom, and that he will not, in any Manner whatsoever, either aid or assist those of Spain any more in the present War in Italy.

Sign'd,
The Marquess of Salas,
Duke of Monteallegre.

To Captain William Martin, Commander of the English Squadron.

Whitehall, Sept. 7. The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Richard Dowdeswell, Thomas Cockran, George Drummond and Christopher Rhodes, Esqrs. together with Alexander Udney, in the room of Gilbert Burner, Esq; deceas'd, to be his Majesty's Commissioners for the Receipt and Management of his Majesty's Revenues of Excise and other Duties in Scotland.

BANKRUPTS.

Benjamin Hampton, late of the Parish of Hayes, in the County of Middlesex, Mealman and Chapman.

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Diseases and Casualties this Week.

Diseases. Aged 26 Consumption 58 Convulsion 101 Dropsy 17 Fever 74 Small-Pox 35 Teeth 12.

Casualties. Bruised 1 Choak'd 1. Drowned 2 Found dead 1.

Christen'd Males 128	Females 138	In all 266
Buried Males — 179	Females 200	In all 379

Decreas'd in the Burials this Week 73.

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